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SUBJECT: FY 2006 DVC REQUEST on U.S. Intelligence Reform,
November 2005

1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Post requests a November 2005 digital video conference with a U.S. specialist on intelligence reform for the University of Montreal's Center for International Studies, International Security Research Group, and potentially other audiences in Canada.

2. TIME FRAME: November 15, 16 or 17, 2005 from 11:30a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (EST) with possibility of second, consecutive conference with additional Canadian audiences across Canada.

3. JUSTIFICATION and OBJECTIVES: Launched in April 2004, the University of Montreal's Centre for International Studies is a new voice in the field of international research, exploring such themes as the trans-Atlantic dynamic, economic globalization, world government, peace and security policy, among other topics. The Centre frequently collaborates with other Canadian and foreign institutions, among them McGill University (Montreal), York University (Toronto), UNAM in Mexico, and CERJ (Paris, France), on research into pressing contemporary international topics and commands attention from Quebec's and Canada's academic, public policy, and research communities. (Website at <http://www.cerium.ca/>)

4. The Center's International Security Research Group (GERSI) plans a series of lectures on the theme of intelligence this fall. As part of the series, the group would like to host, via teleconference, an expert on the ongoing reform of the U.S. intelligence system. Like many observers, Canadians puzzle over the changes taking place within the United States security and intelligence establishment as counterterrorism tops the U.S. policy agenda and investigative panels such as the 9-11 Commission identify priority areas for improvement in U.S. intelligence, communications and preparedness.

The Mission would like to program an expert on U.S. intelligence who can place today's reforms in an historic context, underline the new realities to which U.S. security institutions must respond, and outline the administration's goals for improving the quality of intelligence gathered, its interpretation, and appropriate sharing of intelligence in the interests of identifying and combating threats against U.S. security.

The post expects the program to inform Canadian scholars on security matters, policy advisors and students on lessons learned in the intelligence arena and current efforts to act on those lessons; underline the common interest of civilized nations in working together to combat common threats, and the role of intelligence sharing in their efforts; and discuss trends in U.S. intelligence strategy and oversight in today's environment.

As a close ally and partner in supporting U.S. homeland security objectives, Canada has a stake in understanding changes in U.S. security policies. This program will engage some of Canada's leading defense and security scholars and commentators in an informative discussion, very much advancing Mission goals of strengthening counterterrorism and defense cooperation with Canada.

4. AUDIENCE: defense and security experts (including media commentators), faculty and graduate students at the University of Montreal. If the speaker agrees, the post may organize a separate, consecutive video conference following the University of Montreal session for academics, officials and media representatives at other sites in Canada.

5. TYPE OR NAME OF SPECIALIST REQUIRED:

Post requests a recognized expert on U.S. intelligence

who can offer illustrations and insights on how and why the U.S. has chosen its current direction in managing

national intelligence.

Former Congressman Lee Hamilton (now Director of the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Affairs), who served as co-chair of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States and won the Paul H. Nitze Award for Distinguished Authority on National Security Affairs in 1999, or 9-11 Commission contractor and national security historian Timothy Naftali, author of "Blind Spot," a history of US counterterrorism efforts since the second world war, would be ideal. Both have some understanding of Canadian perceptions of US security policy, from recent contacts, first-hand insight into the issues the 9-11 Commission grappled with, and credibility with Canadian audiences.

If neither Hamilton nor Naftali is available, the post welcomes IIP suggestions of other intelligence experts drawn from the 9-11 Commission, U.S. military or security bureaus or academies, or highly regarded independent think tank or university scholars. The speaker should be able to discuss the evolution of U.S. security needs and approaches as well as current thinking on how best to manage the complex demands of the current international security environment. The speaker may speak frankly about the findings of the 9-11 Commission and lessons learned over the past four years, but should clearly present the expected improvements current reforms should make in intelligence community structure and the role of intelligence in policymaking.

6. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS: English

7. MPP THEME: Counterterrorism, Close Ties with Allies and Friends

8. MISSION PROGRAM OFFICER: PA Montreal Annick Landreville (pending late Sept. arrival of PAO Susan Bell); tel (514)908-3655; fax (514)398-0899; Back-up, Elizabeth Kauffman, Cultural Affairs Officer Ottawa, (613) 688-15314.

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9. FUNDING SPECIFICS: Speaker honorarium from I-Bucks if eligible.

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